

Chapter 275.

AN ACT to authorize and require the Board of Public Works to sell the steamer Leila, now in the employ of the State Fishery Force, and to purchase or build two suitable tugs or propellers to be used and employed in the place of the said steamer, and to appoint suitable officers and men for the command of said vessels.

WHEREAS the steamer Leila, of the State Fishery Force, is so decayed that she is unseaworthy, and after a careful examination it is found that said steamer is not worth rebuilding, and will necessitate an expenditure of from four to six thousand dollars annually, to keep up necessary repairs, if continued in the service, and as said steamer's entire plan, model and hull are unsuited for the purpose for which she is now employed—

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State Board of Public Works be and are hereby directed and requested to purchase or build two suitable tugs or propellers to be substituted for, and take the place of the steamer Leila, and to be employed by the State Fishery Force for all the uses and purposes for which said steamer is now used, and the said steamer "Leila" be advertised and sold, and the money arising from said sale shall be applied as a payment on the tugs or propellers, and the Treasurer of the State is hereby required and directed, upon the warrant of the Comptroller, to pay the balance of the purchase money or builder's cost; provided the total cost of said tugs or propellers, with their boilers, engines and equipments complete for employment and use of the State Fishery Force, shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Board of Public Works shall, upon the completion or purchase of said tugs or propellers, proceed to appoint some suitable person to take command as captain of each of said tugs or propellers, who shall hold his office for two years, or until discharged for incompetency

Appoint off-
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